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Minutes of November 12, 2009

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, November 12, 2009, in room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:37 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk:

Senator Kuipers – Present
Senator VanWoerkom – Present
Senator Cassis – Present
Senator Whitmer – Present
Senator Gleason – Excused

Agenda

- Approve minutes from November 5, 2009.

Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to approve the minutes from November 5, 2009 was supported by Senator Cassis.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes
Senator Cassis – Yes
Senator Whitmer – Yes
Senator Gleason – Excused

- **SB 925** Sen. Thomas Education; public school academies; establishment of "schools of excellence"; provide for.
- SB 926** Sen. Thomas School aid; other; funding for "schools of excellence" as public school academy and transition funding for certain districts in which schools of excellence are located; provide for.
- SB 965** Sen. Kuipers Education; teachers; alternative program for teacher certification; provide for.
- SB 981** Sen. Kuipers Education; reorganization; certain measures to identify and restructure failing schools; provide for.

SB 982 Sen. Kuipers Education; school districts; changes in collective bargaining act to allow more flexibility in failing schools; provide for.

SB 983 Sen. Kuipers School aid; other; funding for turnaround schools; provide for.

- Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, spoke in opposition to SB 925, 926, 981, 982 and in favor of SB 965.
- Dan Quisenberry, representing the Michigan Association of Public School Academies, spoke in support of SB 925, 926, 965, 981, 982, 983.
- Brad Biladeau, representing MASA and MAISA, spoke in opposition of SB 925, 926, 981, 982, 983 and in support of SB 965.
- Billie Wimmer, representing the Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers, spoke in support of SB 925.
- Lisa Hansknecht, representing the Michigan Department of Education, did not wish to speak on SB 925-26 but supports the concept of increased high quality charters; she also supports the amended version of SB 965 and the concept of SB 981-983.
- David Zuhlke, representing the Middle Cities Education Association, did not wish to speak and opposes SB 925, 926, 965, 981, 982, 983 as currently written.
- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 3:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Paula Englin, Clerk

12-1-09

Date Approved


Wayne Kuipers, Chair